

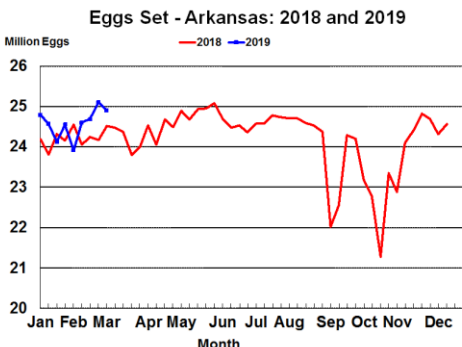
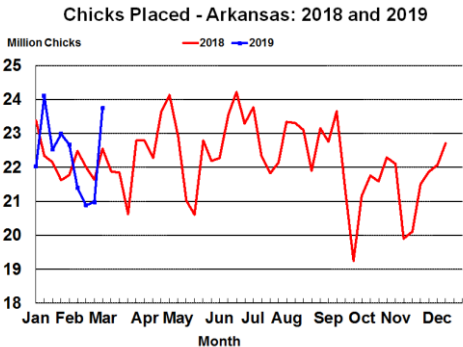


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Chick Placements Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 23.7 million during the week ending March 2, 2019. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2018 and up 13 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 2, 2019, up 2 percent from the same period last year but down 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	2-Mar	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	2-Mar
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	31,440	31,704	31,611	31,515	31,832	22,984	22,739	23,481	22,978	22,259
Arkansas	23,914	24,599	24,686	25,105	24,898	22,669	21,397	20,899	20,982	23,743
Delaware	5,467	5,467	5,225	5,342	5,370	5,221	4,669	5,096	5,339	5,357
Florida	1,209	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,323	1,335	1,303	1,221	1,340
Georgia	34,390	33,914	34,463	34,406	34,627	27,644	27,609	26,798	27,515	27,915
Kentucky	7,903	7,710	7,675	7,803	7,760	5,790	5,982	6,060	6,209	5,788
Louisiana	3,774	3,743	3,743	3,803	3,803	3,195	3,149	3,167	3,222	3,233
Maryland	8,093	8,172	7,896	8,253	8,173	5,725	6,609	6,137	6,436	6,618
Mississippi	18,317	18,231	18,498	18,655	18,480	15,477	15,490	15,380	15,521	15,608
Missouri	8,217	8,150	8,381	8,478	8,421	6,157	5,978	6,155	6,069	4,789
N. Carolina	23,634	22,454	23,691	23,228	24,105	18,960	18,339	17,729	18,303	17,165
Oklahoma	7,750	7,702	7,549	7,683	7,461	3,727	4,660	5,002	4,653	3,621
Pennsylvania	5,095	4,934	5,062	5,135	5,073	3,840	3,898	3,883	3,818	3,718
S. Carolina	5,651	5,704	5,690	5,906	5,832	4,782	5,117	5,433	5,189	5,265
Texas	16,925	16,802	16,992	17,256	17,249	13,021	13,568	13,118	13,653	13,646
Virginia	6,454	6,351	6,312	6,489	6,621	5,463	5,084	6,096	5,686	5,489
CA,TN & WV	11,884	11,500	11,462	12,692	12,646	10,229	9,833	10,462	10,022	10,222
Other States	9,757	9,841	9,815	9,818	9,692	7,776	7,759	7,320	7,295	7,784
U.S. Total	229,874	228,203	229,976	232,792	233,268	183,983	183,215	183,519	184,111	183,560
% of Prev. Year	101	101	101	102	102	102	103	102	102	101

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 2, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.0 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 184 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 2, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through March 2, 2019 for the United States were 1.65 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.